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SHIP ON FIRE IN H.K. HARBOUR

Rubber Ablaze In The No. 1 Hold

FIRE FLOATS' STRUGGLE TO SUBDUE FLAMES

The 4,455-ton Hongkong registered ship, Victoria Peak, fired on by Communist shore batteries off Lingting as she was approaching Hongkong yesterday evening, caught alight in her No. 1 hold at 4.20 this morning while at anchor off Green Island.

The hold, containing cotton and rubber was still alight six hours later and the fire was then reported to be spreading.

Two fire floats were despatched to the vessel at the request of the Master and they fought the outbreak for several hours. At 6.20 a.m. the ship was given permission to move from her position off Green Island to the dangerous goods anchorage off Stonecutters.

The unfortunate adventures of the Victoria Peak began at 6.15 yesterday evening when the Master, Captain W. D. Conway sent a signal to Hongkong that she was being fired on by Communist shore batteries from Lingling Island.

Lingling is a few miles south of Hongkong. The firing went on for 15 minutes, but no report was made as to whether any hits were registered.

Eventually the Victoria Peak reached Hongkong and anchored off Green Island.

At 4.20 this morning the Master reported to the Marine Department that a fire had broken out in No. 1 hold, where cotton and rubber was stored.

Two fire floats and police launches went to the assistance and managed to subdue the blaze.

Two hours later, with the hold still dangerously smouldering the ship was transferred to the dangerous goods anchorage. Shortly after 9 o'clock Mr W. J. Gorman, Chief Officer of

Much-Needed Rest



A soldier of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, somewhere in Korea, snatches a well-earned nap after a spell of hard fighting. He was waiting for transport to take him to Japan for a little rest and relaxation.

N. Korean Peace Proposal Now Being Translated

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Refinery Strikers Drift Back

PICKETS REMOVED

Teheran, Apr. 16.

Oil refinery workers began to drift back to work today in the strike-ravaged Persian Gulf port of Abadan.

About 3,200 of the 14,000 strikers who returned to the Anglo-Iranian Company's refinery this morning found no pickets to deter them.

All the 30 Americans in the port had been evacuated but no British families had left.

The country was today in the grip of fear at the possibility of finding foreign troops on Persian soil.

Many Persians believed that a landing by British forces in South Persia to protect British lives and property might bring Russian troops in from the north.

The Prime Minister, Hussein Ali, was understood to have himself given expression to this belief in private conversation.

This morning the Senate (Upper House) voted unanimous confidence in him and his Government.

MINISTERS TO MEET
Government Ministers had been called to a special meeting for later today to consider the explosive situation in Abadan where yesterday the Anglo-Iranian refinery was virtually closed down.

Today, tankers were being loaded from storage tanks in the port.

The capital, Teheran, was quiet but the atmosphere throughout the country remained heavy and troubled. In Isfahan, where riots broke out last week, the situation was "a little better, but not good."

In the capital agitators were trying to induce workers in the tobacco monopoly to strike but so far without success.

Reports that the Shah planned to leave the country for medical treatment were rejected by a court official. For the time being, the Shah would remain in the country but might call in foreign specialists to operate on an intestinal and appendix complaint, the official said.—Reuter.

EDITH MOLLER PROTEST
London, Apr. 16.
Britain is protesting to the provincial Chinese Nationalist authorities in Formosa against the intervention of the British warship, Edith Moller, by a Nationalist gunboat on April 10.

Announcing this in the House of Commons today, Mr Kenneth Younger, the Minister of State, said that the British Consul at Tamsui had been instructed to make representations.

Mr William Teeling, Conservative, who raised the matter, said that the gunboat conducted all the Edith Moller's charters, which caused her to return to Hongkong. She was on her way to Shanghai.—Reuter.

DEMAND FOR PROBE INTO U.S. ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES

Republican Party's Unanimous Decision

Washington, Apr. 16.

Senate Republicans agreed unanimously on Monday there should be a "full and complete" investigation of American foreign and military policy as a result of the dismissal of General MacArthur.

The decision was taken at a closed Party conference and announced by the chairman of the conference, Mr George Millikin.

Mr Millikin said: "It was the unanimous opinion that there should be a full and complete investigation of foreign and military policy in the light of the dismissal of General MacArthur."

Senator Millikin disclosed that the "question of impeachment" of Mr Truman was raised by several Senators but it was the consensus that "final conclusions" should await the outcome of the proposed inquiry.

The Senate Republican Policy Committee was instructed to draft a resolution proposing machinery for the investigation. Mr Millikin said no decision was reached on procedure, but most of the discussion involved proposals for a special committee representing both the Senate and the House.

While reporting "a number of suggestions" that the President should be impeached, he did not identify the authors of these suggestions. Asked if any grounds were suggested, he said it was pointed out that President Truman in speeches last week referred to "war" in Korea and there had been no declaration of war by Congress. He said it was also suggested "the whole range of his activities" might be involved.

Whether he would vote for the forthcoming resolution in the Senate calling for a formal declaration of war against Communist China.

President Truman's dismissal of General MacArthur "indicates a compromise to our allies," according to Senator Bridges. He added: "What we can gain by compromise does not balance disunity among our own people, especially among servicemen in Korea."—United Press.

Mr Millikin said an inquiry was needed to fill "gaps" in information now available to Congress and the public. He reported that it was suggested such gaps included the supposed report on Korea made by Lt-General Albert Wedemeyer and relations between the United States and United Nations military policies.

Senator Millikin said Senator Harry Cain told the conference his proposal to declare war on Red China was made "to pin-point the fact that the war in Korea is Truman's war". He attributed the statement to Mr Cain and did not state it as the viewpoint of the conference. He was asked if there was any discussion of political implications of General MacArthur's dismissal among the Republicans. He replied that all the Senators were "delighted" that MacArthur would address Congress and make his views known.

However, he also reported it was "pretty widespread opinion that MacArthur doesn't need to appear under any particular auspices and the Republican Party is not needed as the manager of his affairs while he is in this country." — United Press.

ANOTHER RUMOUR
Chicago, Apr. 16.
Senator Styles Bridges (Republican) said today that the Senate Armed Services Committee wanted to investigate a "rumour" that General George Marshall had opposed General MacArthur's dismissal but had lost out to the wishes of the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson.

The leading Republican member of the Committee, who came here to address a railway meeting, said Committee hearings with General Marshall as the first witness would start on Wednesday in Washington and General MacArthur had agreed to appear before it any time after his address to a joint Congressional session on Thursday.

Mr Bridges said the Committee had heard a "rumour" of disagreement between Mr Acheson and General Marshall and it was one of the things it wanted to consider. He said members also wanted to investigate a rumour that President Truman's statement discouraging General MacArthur was written by Mr Acheson and Mr Dean Rusk, assistant Secretary of State.

He said the Committee wanted to "get at the bottom of the reasons for the MacArthur firing and the whole Eastern problem." Besides MacArthur and Marshall, the Committee wanted to call Mr Acheson, Lt-Gen. Wedemeyer and Admiral Arthur Radford, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet.

He told a news conference "we might as well recognise" that a state of war exists in Korea but he declined to say

Wreckage Of Warship Found

Washington, Apr. 16.

The wreckage of a vessel, believed to be the 70-year-old warship, Monitor, has been found in 120 feet of water off Cape Hatteras on the American east coast, the United States Navy announced here.

The Monitor was the first of the iron-clad warships built for the Union Navy in the civil war and launched in January, 1862. Other vessels of similar design took their name from the Monitor. She was 170 feet long and weighed 1,200 tons.

A revolving turret, protected by eight inches of iron armour and containing two 11-inch guns, stood on the deck which was only 18 inches above water.

The Monitor's sides were covered by iron plates and the deck shields by one-inch armour.

Her first battle—a four-hour close range duel with a Confederate iron-clad—was undecided, because neither vessel was able to inflict much damage on the other.

The Monitor foundered and sank in heavy seas off Cape Hatteras in December, 1862.

The Navy said it had no plan to raise the vessel or to dispose of the wreckage.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Insufficient Doctors

IN his annual report for the year ending March 31, 1950, tabled recently in the Legislative Council, the Director of Medical Services made the disquieting disclosure that his department is gravely short of senior medical officers and specialists. In addition to the loss of Dr Thomas, an retirement, Dr Farr, Senior Radiologist who has returned to England, and Dr Hackett, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist, transferred to Nigeria, four other senior local doctors resigned to go into private practice during the year. And, so far as we understand, it has not yet been possible to fill all of these vacancies with men possessing the highest qualifications. This is a serious situation, for, in the public interest, it is necessary that the Medical Department should be properly staffed; and particularly that there should be available at the hospitals coming within the jurisdiction of the Department specialists and fully qualified and experienced senior medical officers. Main contributing factor to the recruitment problem appears to be unenticing conditions of employment. The DMS admits that recruitment both locally and from the United Kingdom has been exceedingly poor and adds the notation, "It seems likely that the department, which depends to a large extent on the medical staff available, will encounter more

difficulties in the future unless the emoluments and conditions of service are improved sufficiently for the Medical Department to compete on more level terms with the National Health Service in the United Kingdom." If Government is prepared to concede that its hospitals must be adequately staffed no further hesitation should be shown in revising the service conditions and emoluments in such a way that the best suited doctors and specialists are attracted to the Service. Government, to the satisfaction of the public, has succeeded in making substantial cuts in administrative costs, but it would be false economy to apply the principle of cheeseparing to the Medical Department if this results in its hospitals being denied qualified medical officers. It is axiomatic that hospitals should be 100 per cent efficient, but clearly this is difficult to attain if there is any shortage of senior staff. We do not think the taxpayers would begrudge extra expenditure in this direction inasmuch that for Government hospitals to possess the best qualified and experienced doctors and specialists is an asset to the community. Government can afford to offer more lucrative conditions to practitioners both here and in the United Kingdom without ruining the Colony's finances.

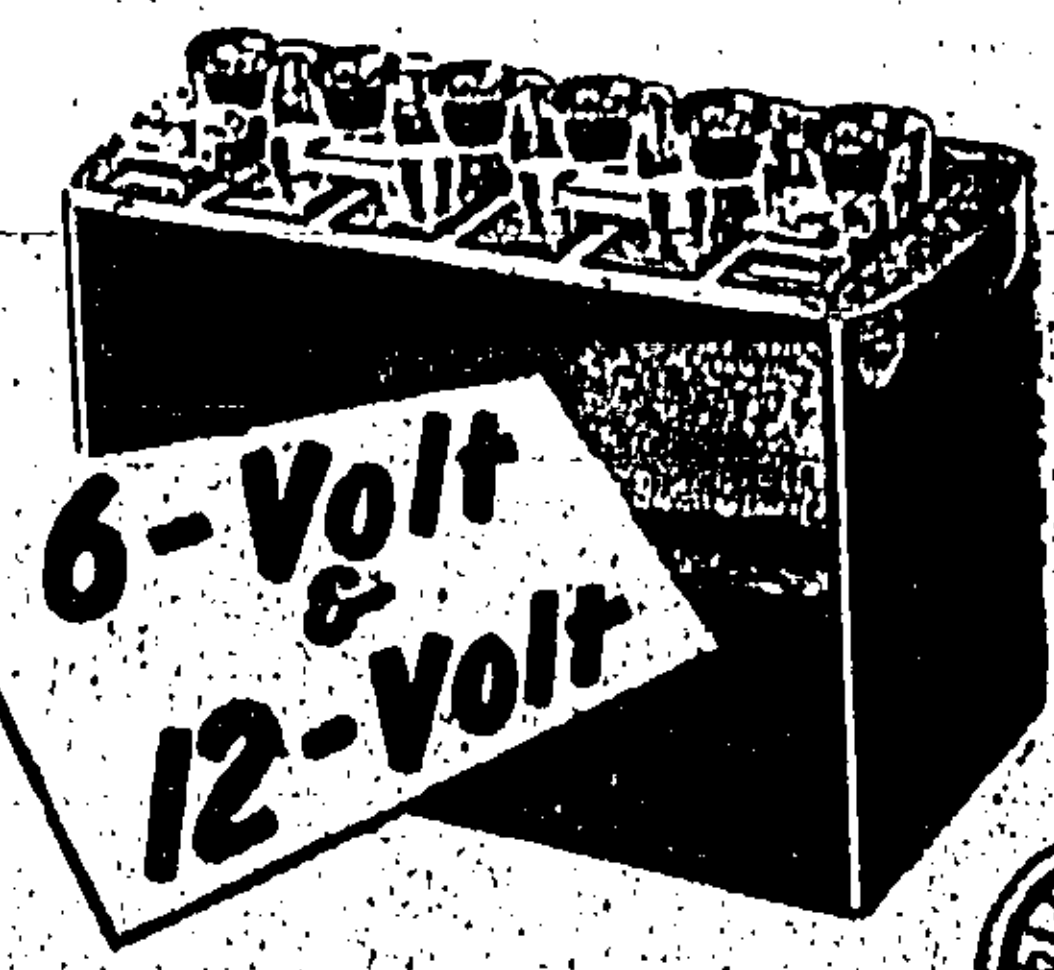
Trouble Looms In Iran

THE troubled atmosphere in Iran which has virtually brought operations in one of the world's greatest oilfields to a standstill compels swift action if the situation is not to be allowed to deteriorate disastrously. More than \$200 millions of British money has been invested in the oilfields, and strategically the stake is not less important than the financial. That steps be taken before the rot spreads is imperative and for the benefit of the Iranian as well of British interests. Behind the flare-up, of course, is Communist agitation, skillfully directed from Moscow, and finding fertile soil in the cupidity of wealthy land-owners. Wealth notoriously breeds the desire for more wealth. And all the Middle East countries are realising that they are not getting all the profits they could get from their own oil. The mere fact that the oilfields have been pioneered by

foreign enterprise is discreetly overlooked. When this sentiment is whipped up over a brisk flame of nationalism, an explosive situation develops. For in the Middle East nationalism is something which burns superficially but very violently. And since the aim is to detach oilfields from Anglo-American control, it is getting the 100 per cent backing of Russia. To permit herself to be edged out of Persia, Britain would lose six per cent of the world's oil output; and with it, the world's biggest refinery. Not a pleasing prospect. What the effective answer is at the moment is unfortunately not clear. Landing of protective troops raises fears in Teheran of a direct Soviet riposte. Nevertheless, decisions require to be made—and cannot wait. Visions of disaster if the dispute is not soon settled do not lack substance.

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Sentence On MP Quashed

London, Apr. 16. A Ceylon Supreme Court order, finding a Member of Parliament guilty of contempt of court, ought not to have been made, the Privy Council said today.

Reasons were announced for the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in quashing a sentence on Arthur Reginald Perera, a Member of the Ceylon House of Representatives, on appeal.

Perera was sentenced by Mr Justice Batsynayake to a fine of 500 rupees with six weeks' rigorous imprisonment in default for making an entry in the visitors' book at the Ceylon Remand Prison which was judged to be a contempt of court.

His appeal was allowed by the Judicial Committee in London on Feb. 28. Perera wrote in the visitors' book: "The present practice of appeals of remand prisoners being heard in their absence is not healthy. When represented by Counsel or otherwise, the prisoner should be present at the proceedings."

Lord Radcliffe, one of the three Law Lords who granted the appeal, said that Perera's information was incorrect but he made no public use of it, contenting himself with entering his comment and writing to the responsible Minister.

He was acting in good faith and in discharge of what he believed to be his duty as a Member of the Legislature. It was not until some time later that he learned that, in so far as a petitioner had his petition dealt with in his absence, it was the procedure of the Court—not the rules of the prison authorities—that brought this about.

Lord Radcliffe said that any money paid by Perera by way of a fine should be repaid, and that the Crown must pay any costs he incurred in the proceedings in Ceylon and the costs of his appeal.—Reuter.

Charge Denied

Washington, Apr. 16. American officials today flatly denied Soviet reports that there were United States aircraft based in Pakistan. A spokesman for the Near East division of the State Department said there is absolutely no truth to such reports. He had no knowledge of any American engineers being in Pakistan to start an airbase, even for the Pakistani Government.

The spokesman said there was one official American plane based in Karachi—that belonging to the United States military attaché. This was for the use of diplomatic personnel and it was in line with procedure at every important Embassy abroad.—United Press.

London, Apr. 16. An Ethiopian contingent of 1,153 officers and men left Addis Ababa today for Korea. It was learned here. The contingent is going to Korea by way of Jibuti.—Reuter.

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Princess At The Ball



Princess Elizabeth shown dancing with the Governor of Malta, Sir Gerald Cressy, at the garrison ball at the Phoenix Hotel in Valetta, Malta, last week. —Central Press Photo.

Acheson's Warning On Grave Indian Food Situation

Washington, Apr. 16. Secretary of State Dean Acheson today warned that the famine threat in India is immediate and American wheat may arrive too late to avert it unless shipped as soon as is humanly possible.

Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Mr Acheson demanded prompt Congressional action on legislation which would authorize 2,000,000 tons of wheat as a gift to India.

The Secretary of State said the recent Indian arrangement with Pakistan for 325,000 tons of wheat and rice does not affect the need for additional 2,000,000 tons specifically requested from the United States.

Furthermore, Mr Acheson said, the Indian food situation, previously expected to reach dangerously critical proportions by mid-summer, has been deteriorating even faster.

He said: "The threat is immediate. The first million tons of grain specially requested from us, if it is to arrive on time should be loaded on ships for India as soon as is humanly possible, and I strongly urge Congress to enact the necessary legislation."

Recalling that in a similar appearance on Feb. 20 before the House Foreign Affairs Committee he had urged that Indian wheat should begin moving by April 1, Mr Acheson said: "Studies of the executive branch of the Government had led us to believe the Indian food situation would become dangerously critical by mid-summer. Events since Feb. 20 have shown that our estimate was overly optimistic. The Indian Government is already finding it exceedingly difficult to maintain the flow of grain to its ration outlets in such disaster-stricken areas as Bihar. The Indian people are becoming increasingly fearful of the threat of famine."

NO ACTION

Mr Acheson reminded the Senators of the President's special appeal for action on March 28.

The Secretary of State said in conclusion: "I am sure this Committee and the Senate as a whole are aware of the urgency of the Indian need, and will act as quickly as possible."

The Committee heard Mr Acheson and his aides at a three-hour session but took no action on the wheat programme. Chairman Tom Connally said the Committee would meet again on the matter on Tuesday.—United Press.

Reuter quotes Senator Connally as saying: "No decision has been made on whether the Bill (to provide the grain) will be a grant or partly a grant and partly a loan."

PERSIAN ASSURANCES TO LONDON ON OIL DISPUTE

No Intention Of Depriving Britain Of Her Supplies

London, Apr. 16. Persia has no intention of depriving Britain of oil by her decision to nationalise the oil industry, or of giving the oil to any other country.

The Persian Ambassador in London, M. Ali Soheily, gave this assurance in London today.

In an official five-point statement, which has the approval of the Persian Government, the Ambassador stated the Persian case in order to correct what he considers erroneous impressions of the circumstances of the oil dispute and the nationalisation decision.

The Ambassador warned that the current Anglo-American talks on Persia, insofar as they affect oil problems, are considered as interference in Persian affairs and have no validity for Persia.

M. Soheily said that his Government considered that where two countries are discussing the economic situation of a third, the first step should be to invite a representative of the country whose affairs are under discussion.

Mr Soheily said, "To ascribe to Communist intrigue and agitation the nationalist movement in Persia is blinking at hard facts and trying to find scapegoats for a purely rationalistic sequence of social evolution."

"The recent disturbances in the South of Persia are deeply regretted and abhorred by all Persians and the Persian Government has been trying with determination and resolve to restore order and calm all over the country and the situation is under control."

NOT FAIR SHARE

"Local agitators who invariably endeavour to fish in troubled waters must not be confused with the heavy hand of foreign intrigues and exaggerated reports and sensational rumours of Communist-staged riots will only believ a clear issue and create confusion."

The Persian Ambassador said that Persia had not by any standards received a fair and reasonable share of her vast oil resources in the exploitation of which colossal benefits had accrued to the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

"It should be borne in mind," Mr Soheily said, "that oil comprises the major national wealth of Persia and that the oil extraction from Persia is actually a great deal more precious than gold or dollars."

He added: "Repeated attempts on the part of Persia in the last few years to obtain a just share of the oil profits and an honourable and equitable part in the control and administration of this vital concern to Persia have not met with that spirit of partnership and forthright co-operation so essential to the smooth working of a national enterprise of this calibre."

JUST DEMAND

"All over Persia, and not merely in the south, Persians rightly consider the oil extracted from their soil as their national heritage and justifiably demand some form of social benefit and security from it."

"Persia's relations with Great Britain are fundamentally amiable and have stood the test of time and adverse circumstances."

"The Persian Government and people are desirous of reciprocating and strengthening the bonds of mutual friendship and co-operation between the peoples and Governments of Persia and Britain. The nationalisation of the oil industry in Persia is purely an internal affair and a matter between them and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. Persia has no intention of giving the oil to any other country or to deprive Britain of its use." —Reuter.

Newsmen Assaulted By Police

Honolulu, Apr. 16. Three Press and newsreel photographers complained today they were struck, pushed or knocked down by United States Air Force military police while covering the arrival of General MacArthur.

K. Shimogaki, a photographer for the Honolulu Advertiser, said he was knocked to the ground and not able to take any shots.

An unidentified newsreel cameraman said he was struck in the throat by another policeman.

Carl Mydans, a photographer for Life magazine, said one policeman grabbed his arm, twisted it behind his back and pushed him, as General MacArthur's plane taxied to a stop. He said: "When I protested, an Air Force captain walked over and said: 'Shut up and get out of here.'"

Cameramen were permitted to approach General MacArthur's plane when it landed, and take shots of the General and his welcoming party, but reporters were kept behind a chest-high wooden barrier fifty yards from the plane.—United Press.

Left Fortune To Govt.

Bangkok, Apr. 16. A wealthy Chinese merchant bequeathed 30,000,000 baht to the Thai Government, the Ministry of Education was notified today by the sons of Ung Kai Tai, deceased millionaire of the province of Nakhon Sri Thammarat.

This is the largest private bequest in Thailand's history. Ung Kai Tai in his will directed that the 30,000,000 baht be used for the furtherance of education. Ung, who died at the age of 81, arrived at an early age from China. His estate in tin mines and rubber plantations reportedly was one-fourth of Thailand's tin and rubber plantations.

He is survived by five sons, who were reportedly given only 1,000,000 baht each.—United Press.

ECA Mission Disbanded

Washington, Apr. 16. The Economic Co-operation Administration disclosed today that it disbanded its mission in Korea on April 7 and turned over some of its functions to the Army. The move was in line with a United Nations resolution adopted last December, under which the world organization will assume responsibility for rebuilding the war-ravaged nation. Until the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency is fully organized, the Army will handle the programme on a temporary basis.—United Press.

Divorce Rate Slumps

London, Apr. 16. Divorces in Great Britain dropped from 58,444 in 1947 to 42,711 in 1948 and 34,217 in 1949, Judicial Statistics disclosed today. Of the divorces granted in 1948, 16,377 were based on grounds of desertion and 14,668 on adultery.—Associated Press.

SYRIANS ACCEPT UN TERMS

Talks For Border Settlement

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 16. Syria today joined Israel in accepting the four conditions set by the United Nations for resuming the talks over disputed areas along their inflamed border.

But observers here were not sure that twin acceptance of the United Nations prerequisites would bring about a local settlement without recourse to the United Nations Security Council.

Captain Bennett de Ridder, acting Chief of Staff of the United Nations, announced the acceptance by Syria of the proposals accepted by Israel last week.

A United Nations communiqué said they called for: (1) Removal of all troops from the demilitarized zone along the troubled border; (2) Cessation of all incidents; (3) Provision of facilities for United Nations observers to carry out their work; (4) Reaffirmation of the right of the United Nations chairman of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission to implement Article (5) of the agreement calling for the "gradual restoration of normal civilian life."—United Press.

ISRAEL EXPLAINS

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 16. The Foreign Minister, Dr Moshe Sharett, today received the diplomatic envoys of the United States, Britain, and France to explain Israel's point of view in the Israeli-Syrian border dispute.

The American Ambassador, Mr Monnet B. Davis, the British Minister, Sir Knox Helm, and the French Minister, M. Edouard Guyon, called separately at Dr Sharett's invitation.

Meanwhile, it was officially announced that Israel is protesting to the United Nations acting Chief of Staff, Colonel Bennett de Ridder, against the missing of Syrian troops along the Israeli border which Israel claims is contrary to the armistice agreement.—Reuter.

REFUGEE PROBLEM

Damascus, Apr. 16. The Syrian Prime Minister, Khaled Azem Bey, today received the Ministers of Britain, the United States, France, Russia, Yugoslavia, Brazil and Turkey, whose Governments are members of the Security Council.

The Premier handed the Ministers two memoranda. The first was on the Palestine refugee problem and the other on Arab refugees' frozen capital.

Other Arab governments are adopting a similar procedure. (About 850,000 Palestine refugees are receiving United Nations relief until they are resettled in Arab territory. America has contributed \$20 million to this work. The refugees' capital was frozen on the outbreak of hostilities in Palestine. The Israeli Government has offered to pay compensation for refugees' land).—Reuter.

Eleanor Quits

Geneva, Apr. 16. Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt today withdrew from the chairmanship of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, which she had headed since its establishment in 1948. She nominated as her successor Dr Charles Malik of the Lebanon, who was elected by a unanimous vote.—United Press.

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Storing Up Atom Weapons

Washington, Apr. 16. The United States is stockpiling atomic weapons of all sorts at the fastest speed in history and is keeping these weapons, including most up to date kinds in a state of constant readiness for use if war comes.

It is also engaged in an expansion programme greater than the original \$2,200,000,000 atomic project of World War II. At the same time, it is operating a going project considerably greater than the wartime programme.

This and more is reported in testimony by Atomic Energy Commission officials before the House Appropriations sub-committee. Testimony showed that the Commission through the next fiscal year will have received \$5,287,000,000.

In the new fiscal year it will spend a record \$1,277,000,000. A big piece of that will go to operate recently-completed or soon-to-be-completed atomic explosives plants, including two new Uranium-235 works at Oakridge, Tennessee.

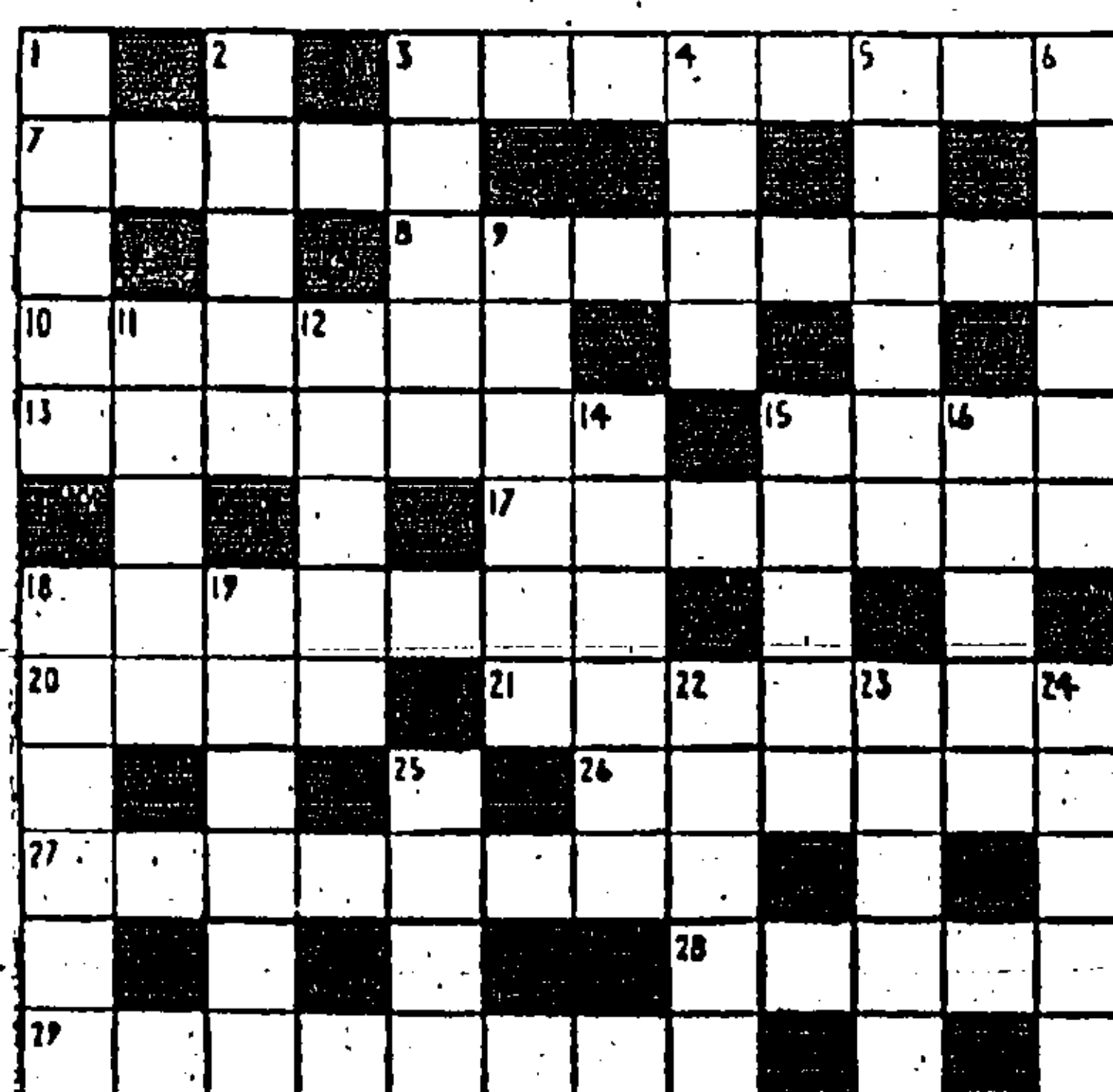
For the first time, the Commission is asking money to operate two new atomic "furnaces"—a "breeder" and a material-testing reactor. The breeder will produce atomic fuel out of "inert" raw materials. If it works—and tests starting late this Spring or in early summer are expected to prove it will—the country's potential atomic reserves will be multiplied by a factor of more than 100.—United Press.

KRA ISTHMUS CANAL AGAIN

Bangkok, Apr. 16. It was reported that the House of Representatives proposed in a letter to Premier Phibun Songgram that the Government consider cutting a canal across the Kra Isthmus and open negotiations for a loan from the World Bank for the proposed Canal.

A Representative from the province of Isan in northeastern Thailand reportedly explained that the Canal would improve Thailand's economic conditions and strategic position, therefore he believed Thailand, now definitely in the democratic camp, would be supported by the United States and other democratic countries. Maj-General Karb Kunjara, the Premier's secretary-general, told the United Press, however, that the Prime Minister's office had not yet received the request but it might have been handed to the Premier personally.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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| 3 Sinks. | 1 Weapon. |
| 7 Turkish title. | 2 On the move. |
| 8 One who discourages. | 3 Vegetable dish. |
| 10 Beast. | 4 Situation. |
| 13 Church screen. | 5 Indian reception. |
| 15 Cheat. | 6 Expect. |
| 17 Depict. | 7 Carry away. |
| 18 Lover. | 8 Necessitous. |
| 20 Islet. | 9 Worth. |
| 21 Agitated. | 10 P.O. worker. |
| 22 Complete. | 11 Set going. |
| 23 Opening. | 12 Slender candle. |
| 24 Territory. | 13 Make effervescent. |
| 25 Relief. | 14 Sifters. |
| | 15 Lifeless. |
| | 16 Complete with. |
| | 17 Consider. |
| | 18 Stalk. |

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Podiatrist; 5. Pensive; 8. Larkin; 9. Swimmers; 10. Ouse; 11. Brier; 12. Prow; 13. Boat; 14. Eerie; 15. Aerie; 16. Tense; 17. Fier; 18. Goose; 19. Ruddy; 20. Sooty; 21. Ouse; 22. Mince; 23. Sooty; 24. Pensive; 25. Relief; 26. Sooty; 27. Ouse; 28. Mince; 29. Sooty; 30. Pensive; 31. Relief; 32. Sooty; 33. Ouse; 34. Mince; 35. Sooty; 36. Pensive; 37. Relief; 38. Sooty; 39. Ouse; 40. Mince; 41. Sooty; 42. Pensive; 43. Relief; 44. Sooty; 45. Ouse; 46. Mince; 47. Sooty; 48. Pensive; 49. Relief; 50. Sooty; 51. Ouse; 52. Mince; 53. Sooty; 54. Pensive; 55. Relief; 56. Sooty; 57. Ouse; 58. Mince; 59. Sooty; 60. Pensive; 61. Relief; 62. Sooty; 63. Ouse; 64. Mince; 65. Sooty; 66. Pensive; 67. Relief; 68. Sooty; 69. Ouse; 70. Mince; 71. Sooty; 72. Pensive; 73. Relief; 74. Sooty; 75. Ouse; 76. Mince; 77. Sooty; 78. Pensive; 79. Relief; 80. Sooty; 81. Ouse; 82. Mince; 83. Sooty; 84. Pensive; 85. Relief; 86. Sooty; 87. Ouse; 88. Mince; 89. Sooty; 90. Pensive; 91. Relief; 92. Sooty; 93. Ouse; 94. Mince; 95. Sooty; 96. Pensive; 97. Relief; 98. Sooty; 99. Ouse; 100. Mince.

Chinese Border Alleged To Have Been Violated

London, Apr. 16.

A New China news agency despatch received in London today said that French and Vietnamese troops in Indo-China had "repeatedly intruded" into China's frontier territory since last October.

Colonel Coste, the French commander of a militia force in Lai Chau, was said to have led a small party into the Chinese county of Kinping on March 2 and "aided bandits" there.

The agency despatch said: "When the People's Liberation Army were mopping up the bandits, French troops from the opposite bank of a river fired to aid the bandits."

A French force stationed at Man Niem, in Vietnam, made a "sneak attack" on Chinese troops in Kinping County on March 4, the report added. (It was north of Lai Chau that French sources recently alleged that Chinese irregulars had crossed the frontier into Vietnam).—Reuters.

TOWN RECAPTURED

Saligon, Apr. 16. French forces have recaptured the key position of Uongbi, 20 miles northwest of Tonkin's main supply port of Haiphong, the French Army Headquarters here announced today.

Uongbi controls the North Vietnam coastal sector's water supply.

Vietminh rebel forces took Uongbi when they launched their offensive in the Dong-tru mountain group, 45 miles east of the Tonkin capital of Hanoi, a fortnight ago.

The French Army communiqué also said that Vietminh guerrillas remained very active in the Tonkin Delta, particularly in the western part. The guerrillas launched a strong mortar and bazooka attack against a French post on the Day River, 11 miles west of Hanoi, but the French garrison dispersed them. Guerrillas also harassed a fortified village about 20 miles northwest of Hanoi.

French Army aircraft today smashed Vietminh cantonments near Quangai, 125 miles southeast of Saigon, according to reports reaching here.

Today's French Army communiqué reported that French forces laid several ambushes in Central Vietnam and killed two and captured 15 Vietminh troops. Other reports said that Franco-Vietnamese reconnaissance patrols probed rebel positions in the rugged mountain group about 45 miles southeast of the historic Annam capital of Hue.—Reuters.

ATTACK REPULSED

Hanoi, Apr. 16. A Vietminh rebel battalion, last night violently attacked the

French outpost of Doanxa, 24 miles south-west of Hanoi, French Army headquarters reported today.

The garrison of West African, Senegalese and Vietnamese partisans repulsed the attackers.

Meanwhile, French Union forces had engaged another battalion outside the Tonkin delta bridgehead, about 150 miles south-west of Hanoi. The battalion was believed to be attempting to move north towards the French outpost of Sonla in north-west Tonkin's Thai country.

Sonla is about 108 miles west of Hanoi and 72 miles south-east of the Thai province capital of Lanchow, and was earlier reported to be threatened by a combined force of Chinese and Vietminh forces.

Observers believed it was possible that the rebel force was moving north towards Sonla, hoping to surround Lanchow.

Vietminh guerrilla activity in and around the Tonkin-delta bridgehead was reported to be continuing.

Strong rebel attacks were repulsed at Madao, a village about 18 miles north-east of Hanoi.—Reuters.

WARSHIP ESCORTS SUGGESTED

London, Apr. 16. Mr Gerald Williams, Conservative, suggested in the House of Commons today that as the restrictions imposed by Egypt on traffic through the Suez Canal were illegal, British tankers going to Haifa should be escorted by destroyers "or even a couple of gunboats."

Mr Kenneth Younger, Minister of State, said that he could not comment on questions like that without notice. Nor could he say without notice what was the attitude of the British and French directors of the Suez Canal Company.

He did not reply when Mr Julian Amery, another Conservative, urged the Government to bear in mind that the recent disturbances in Persia made it "all the more urgent to clear up this matter in the Canal Zone."

Mr Robert Ryder, Conservative, asked how many British ships had been affected by the restrictions put on traffic through the Suez Canal and what port facilities had been refused them.

Mr Younger replied that every ship under whatever flag which had passed through the Canal since May, 1949, had been affected to some degree by the restrictions imposed by the Egyptian Government since that date.

The only vessels at the present moment whose passage through the Canal was forbidden by the Egyptian authorities were those carrying to Israel goods on the Egyptian contraband list.

The list since September, 1949, has been confined to oil and military equipment.

As for the refusal of port facilities, the only case that had come to his notice was that of a ship which in September was refused permission by the Egyptian authorities to lower its cargo at Port Said.—Reuters.

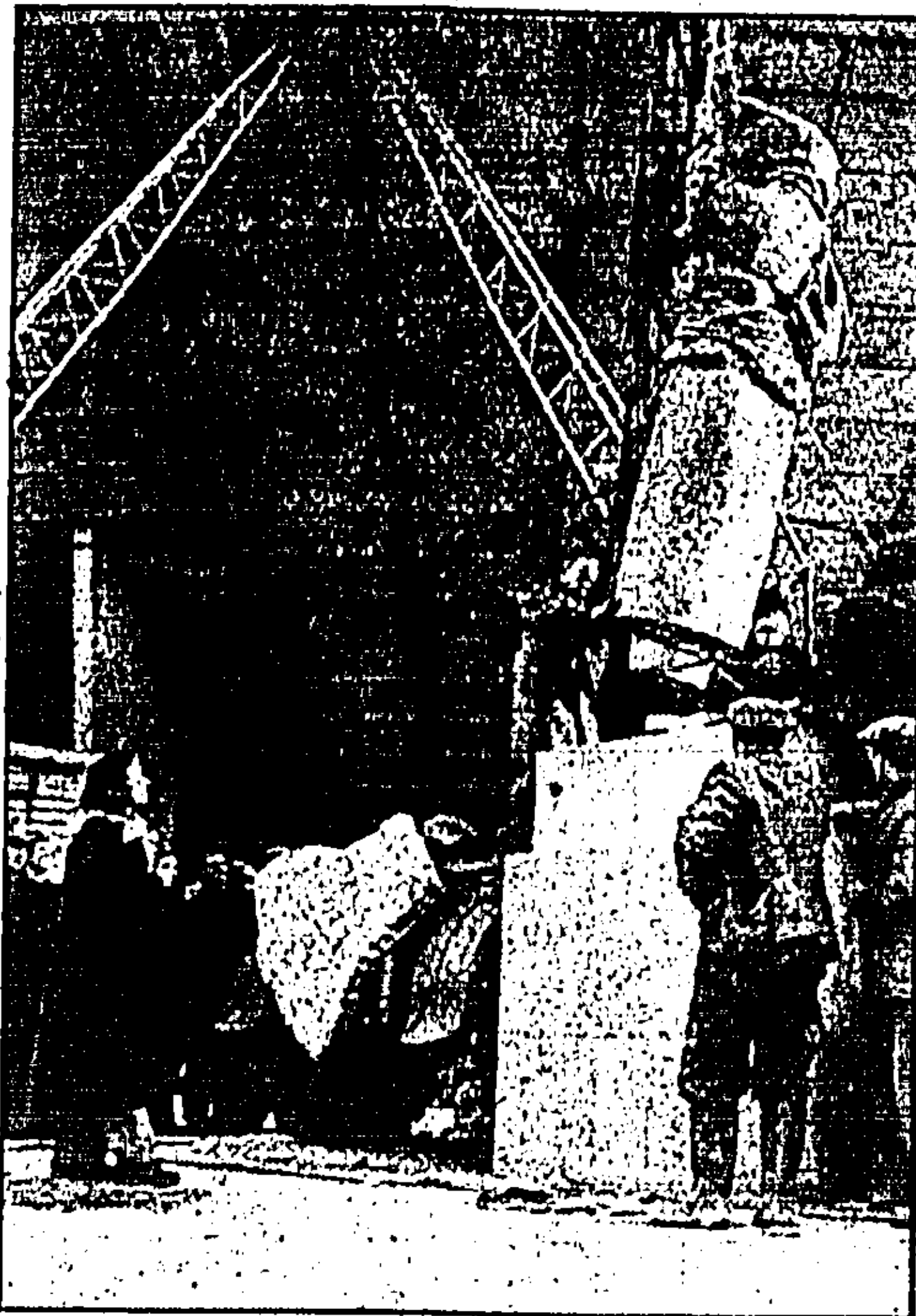
Truman Hopeful Of Victory

Washington, Apr. 16. President Truman tonight voiced the hope that the "first naked military assault" of Worldwide Communism had been checked in Korea.

He predicted that the United States and its allies would win the fight for freedom.

In a brief message read to the opening sessions of the 60th Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mr. Truman said the Government expected to reach its goal by joining forces

Statuary For Festival



Sculptor Barbara Hepworth, of St. Ives, Cornwall, watching the erection of one of her two 12-ft high, four-ton Irish limestone figures, "Contrapuntal Forms," outside the Dome of Discovery at the Festival of Britain.—Central Press Photo.

Ridgway's Views On Korea War

Washington, Apr. 16.

Lieutenant-General Matthew B. Ridgway, successor to General MacArthur, advised visiting Congressmen that it would be impossible to win the war if Manchurian bases were not bombed, one of these Congressmen said today.

Republican Representative Armstrong, who returned from Tokyo today, said that he and a Democrat Representative discussed the military situation with Lieut.-General Ridgway about 10 days ago before President Truman dismissed General MacArthur.

ARMS FOR THE PI

Washington, Apr. 16. New American arms are already on their way across the Pacific to bolster the defenses of the Philippines, a Government official disclosed today.

He told the United Press this was just the first instalment of an accelerated military aid programme designed to help the Republic wipe out the Huk and carry its weight in the Pacific defence line. The official revealed that enough arms to equip about 10 combat teams were being sent as fast as present "emergency" conditions would allow. Some of the arms had probably arrived, others were on the way and more shipments would follow throughout the year.

The speeded programme is to continue into 1952, he added. Despite the rearmament programme and aid to Europe and Latin America, Defence Department officials said, most of the Philippine requirements had been met. The arms are mostly of the infantry type—rifles, machine-guns, mortars, bazookas, etc. There will also be light artillery and other equipment normally assigned to infantry units. The Philippines did not request and the U.S. did not consider either air or naval aid.—United Press.

Converted By A Sergeant

Manila, Apr. 16. A 70-year-old warrior of the Manobo tribe has abandoned the jungle law for the Christian faith, thanks to the efforts of an Army sergeant, turned evangelist.

Dahingog Dady Mandahnog, husband of five wives and father of 24 children, was baptised by a priest of the Philippine-Independent Church at Cabadbaran, a town on Mindanao Island.

The sponsor was Sergeant Conrado R. Cabana, who converted the tribesman during patrols in the mountains where Mandahnog lived, three days' hike from the nearest road.

Mandahnog was quick to take advantage of the new contact. He said he wished the authorities would build a new road to his village, but did not wish to be disturbed by the

Mr Armstrong said that they asked Lieut.-General Ridgway if it was possible to win the war without carrying it to the enemy and bombing the Manchurian bases from which the Chinese Communists mount their offensives against the United Nations' forces in Korea.

Mr Armstrong said that Lieut.-General Ridgway replied "No," but added that they could still kill a lot of Chinese Communists whenever the latter attacked. The Congressmen then asked Lieut.-General Ridgway if it was possible to win the war if it was confined to Korea.

Mr Armstrong said he again replied, "No." Mr Armstrong said it was his impression that Lieut.-General Ridgway agreed substantially with General MacArthur's views on the strategy to be adopted in the Korean war.

On the basis of his talks with military leaders in Korea and Japan and with Chiang Kai-shek in Formosa, Mr Armstrong said that he (Armstrong) favoured:

HAINAN CAPTURE
(1) Sending a strong United States military mission to Formosa to train the Chinese Nationalist soldiers there for an attempt on the Chinese Communist-controlled mainland.

(2) Working out with the Nationalists plans to seize Hainan (off the South China coast) and invade the mainland from there.

(3) Blockading the whole Chinese Communist coastline.

(4) Use of American air power to destroy the bases in Manchuria and to cut the railroads and highways surrounding Mukden in Manchuria.

(5) American aid to the guerrillas fighting the Communists within China.

(6) Despatch of a token force of Chinese Nationalists to Korea.—Reuters.

Building Giant Wind Tunnel

Schenectady, Apr. 16. The General Electric Company is building a giant 180,000 horse-power wind tunnel drive capable of providing enough power to generate superconducting magnets several times the speed of sound.

The unit, to be installed at Moffett Field, California, has four 45,000 horse-power motors, each to weigh more than 140 tons and each about the size of a modern living room. Estimated cost, \$1,500,000. The tunnel will be used to test aircraft models and other aerodynamic shapes.

Tries To Foil Romance

London, Apr. 16.

The Sultan of Kedah State, in Malaya, arrived in England today to try to persuade his niece, 19-year-old Princess Zariah, not to marry a 21-year-old London apprentice printer and to return with him.

The girl is working in London as a shorthand typist under the name of Joyce Hamid. Her sweetheart, Arthur Collins, lives in a working class quarter.

The Sultan, Sir Abdul Hamid, Halim Shah, has refused his permission for the marriage. The girl's father, a Malayan prince, who died suddenly on Saturday, had threatened to disown her.—Reuters.

Tito Given New Grant By America

Washington, Apr. 16. The United States gave Yugoslavia a new \$29,000,000 grant today to help Marshal Tito's Communist regime stand up against Soviet bloc pressure.

President Truman notified Congress that he has authorised the diversion of this amount from arms aid funds to enable the Yugoslavs to import critically needed raw materials for their armed forces.

(It was announced in Belgrade today that France has granted Yugoslavia a three-year credit of five billion francs to build up Yugoslav defence industries.)

The Parliamentary Committee for Foreign Affairs in a report phoned from Paris, said this loan was part of a trade agreement signed in Paris and already announced in broad outline there. Most of the credit will be made available within the next two years.

Officials in Washington said hides for shoes, and cotton and wool for uniforms are the most urgent Yugoslav needs.

Some machine tools also may be provided by the United States, but no military equipment is included.

Most of the supplies officials said will be obtained in the United States.—Associated Press.

ORCHIDS FOR A GANGSTER

New York, Apr. 16. Gangland buried one of its chieftains here today—Charles Fischetti, right-hand man of Chicago's late Al Capone, to whom he once was chauffeur and bodyguard.

They buried him in a \$900 casket, topped with a five-metre high spiral of purple and white orchids, and with about \$30,000 worth of other flowers stacked in seven cars.

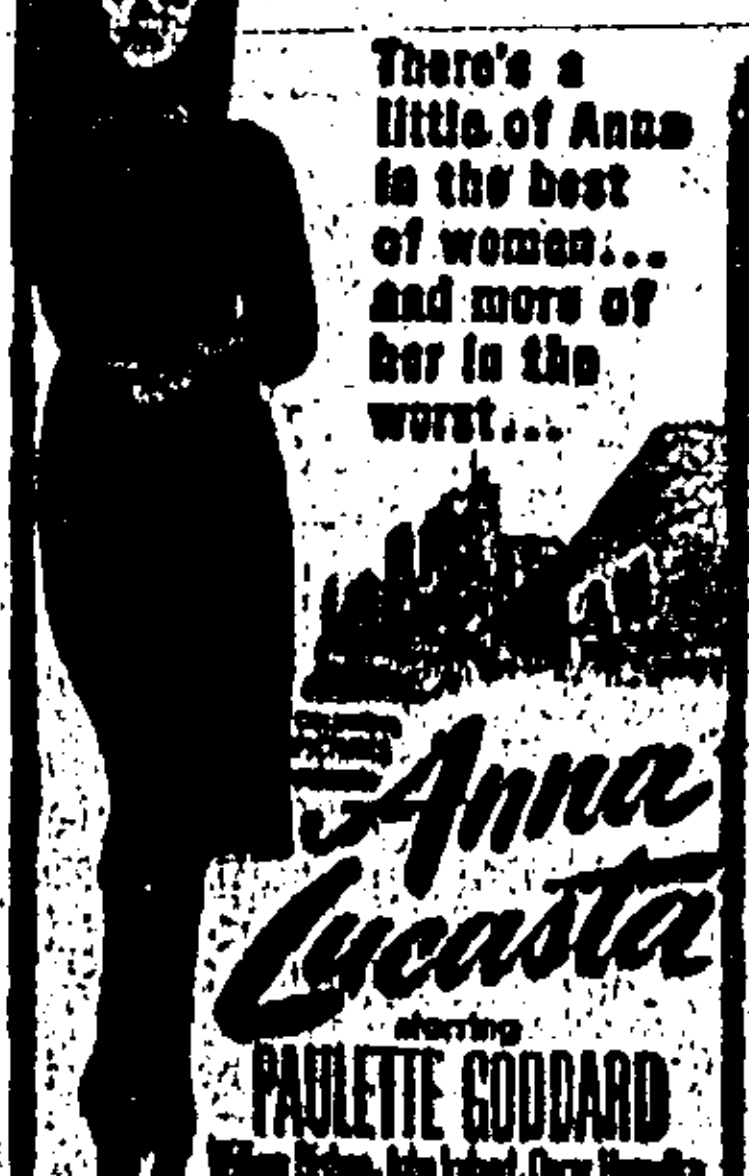
But none of gangland's kingpins turned up to bid farewell to the reputed heir of the Capone crime syndicate, who died naturally at his Miami Beach mansion on Wednesday at the age of 50. They sent their richly robed wives instead to join the procession of 1,500 which followed Fischetti to the cemetery.—Reuters.

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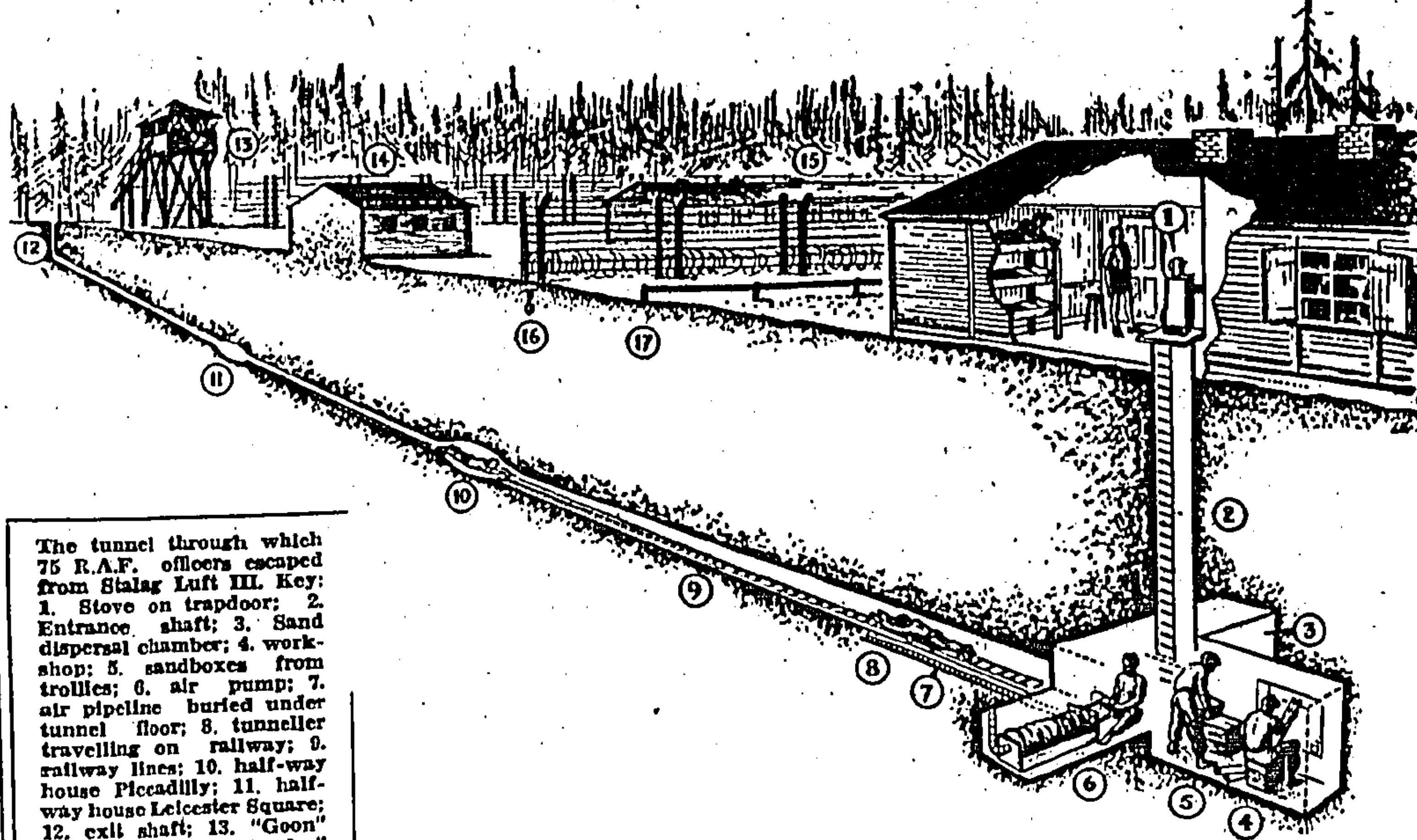
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It was at that stage of the war, shortly before D-Day, when Germany was reeling under repeated air blows from the Allied air forces. Shooting down a few planes and capturing a score of so of airmen was small compensation for the damage they inflicted in every raid.

Unfortunately for the Germans, these airmen were no less of a problem once they were behind barbed-wire. They persisted in escaping, despite the efforts of the "ferrets" whose job it was to detect escape plots and foil the attempts before they could be made.

Hitler in rage

THE mass break-out from Stalag Luft III, in March 1944, was the crowning insult. When Hitler heard about it, he flew into one of his habitual fits of mad rage. A nation-wide search had already been ordered, and most of the German police force was out combing the countryside for the escapees. The German equivalent of the Home Guard had been ordered out, and hundreds of thousands of soldiers were diverted from other tasks to join in the hunt. Altogether five million Germans were involved in the greatest man-hunt the Nazis ever staged. And, behind the scenes, directing operations, was the Gestapo.

Hitler ordered that every prisoner should be recaptured—and shot. It was Goering who saw at once that mass murder on this scale could not be explained away by the simple formula: "Shot while attempting to resist recapture." Hitler's idea, then, of practicing caution was as typical as his rage. He modified his previous order—only half the recaptured prisoners would be shot.

In the event, the Gestapo shot fifty of the officers. Twenty-three more were recaptured and survived. Three succeeded in getting back to England.

A piece of brass starts the hunt for pirate gold

From FREDERICK COOK: Ship Bottom, New Jersey.

A HUNT for pirate gold is still going on around this wind-swept coastal township, despite an official explanation days ago that it is "all a mistake."

The people do not believe it. They prefer to think that at any moment they may happen on treasure chests buried hereabouts by Captain Kidd or some of his men.

All along the New Jersey shoreline, a strong undercurrent of belief runs that the pirate ship was wrecked here.

He made a brass plate and inscribed on it "William Kidd, Master—Quedah."

Then he dropped it into the local creek where his son fished.

Cramer waited for the boy to find it. It was not until last week that he did. Now 17, young Cramer was still interested enough to bring it home to his father, who had forgotten all about it.

Cramer senior decided to keep quiet.

The boy took the plate to a local museum, where it was pronounced genuine. The story got out, and Ship Bottom (so called from the number of wrecks in the vicinity) became famous.

Philadelphia historian took a room at the local hotel. Anti-quarians telephoned from all over America. Then the crowds started arriving.

In two days there wasn't a vacant bed in Ship Bottom. Scores of people quartered the beach, probing in the sand, scratching in the sand.

Cramer senior began to wonder if he ought to "come clean." Three days later he went to the police and confessed.

The Chief of Police said no crime had been committed. Publicity had certainly done no harm to Ship Bottom.

An official statement went out to most of the crowds went home. But not all. There are some who think the "explanation" is just a ruse to get rid of them.

Britain Tidies Up For The Festival

By PETER LOVEGROVE

THE sudden rise to fame of the Nottinghamshire village of Trowell—its place in the Festival of Britain programme was argued about in the House of Commons recently and it has now been consecrated by a mention in the BBC's popular show "Take it From Here"—has drawn attention to an important fact about the Festival which is apt to escape notice.

Many people seem to think that the great undertaking which Britain is organising from May to September is limited to the South Bank exhibition in London, a "fun fair" in Battersea gardens, a couple of travelling exhibitions, some concerts, art exhibitions and sporting fixtures, with supporting activities in a few other leading centres of the British Isles.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The Festival is a national undertaking, and the whole of Britain will be on show. What is more, it is going to leave behind it many permanent improvements in almost every city, town and village. Over 1,200 local authorities, down to parish councils, are making their own little contribution, assisted by willing men and women of talent and imagination to prove that local enterprise and initiative and the vigorous spirit of civic pride are every whit as potent and compelling as they ever were.

It isn't just a question of wasting money on fireworks displays, or merely of putting out flags and bunting, and having a "fun-fair". There will be plenty of these, admittedly, as well as pageants, fairs and carnivals, but most villages and small towns are seizing the opportunity to introduce some amenity which may be lacking, to remove some unsightly eyesore which should have been cleared away long ago, and to help the very old and the very young. By the end of the summer, Britain will be a sprucer, more cheerful place.

Trowell (pop. 2,000) is a typical example of what small communities are doing. There is nothing remarkable about this village, which combines the strength of modern industry with the peaceful beauty of the English countryside, and is therefore characteristic of England today. In the summer evenings, you can stand in a hayfield and watch the roaring flames of the Stanton Iron Works, the largest in Europe. It has no village green. Its last village green was closed about a hundred years ago after a brawl following a skittles match with a rival village. The centre of Trowell is its 12th century church, St Helen's. And as in so many other small areas, the church will be at the centre of its Festival plans.

On May 25, the village festival will open with a special service in St Helen's; it will close in September with an "epilogue" evening service in the church. St Helen's will be floodlit throughout the Festival period, and during the final service the interior of the church will be lit only by such light as comes through the stained glass windows from the floodlighting outside.

Trowell's programme includes the setting up of a children's play-park—a much-needed amenity—the planting of trees round the church providing the parish hall built since the war; a garden show with prizes for the best-kept gardens; an historical exhibition (Trowell was first mentioned in 802, and has associations with D. H. Lawrence and George Eliot, who introduced it into "Silas Marner"); a children's treat and sports day; and a cricket festival with a match to be played in Victorian costume.

As one of their contributions, the local Boy Scouts and Girl Guides will clean up the faces of the parish church clock and install permanent electric lighting above them.

And, like Trowell, hundreds of communities are busy on tidying-up schemes: converting bomb sites and slag heaps into public gardens; planting trees and shrubs; laying out playing fields; erecting new parish halls and social centres, bus shelters and car parks; repairing historical buildings; putting up new street name plates, commemorative plaques of notable buildings, signposts and local information maps; providing litter baskets and wayside seats. Competitions will be held for the best-kept allotments and cottage gardens; local crafts and hobbies will be displayed; old castles, natural features and local histories are being printed; local customs and folk dancing will be revived.

It is impossible to enumerate in detail what each area is doing, but here are some examples.

Bedwely is clearing its derelict colliery tips for recreational purposes. Part of Belper's refuse tip is being cleared into a garden. Barking and Ilford are clearing bomb-sites. Drott-wich, Tenbury, Spensborough and Hartlebury have sewerage schemes in hand. Jarrow will get a public clock at the town hall, as will Warrington, Witney and Trinity St Mary. The Edwinstowe Church clock will get a second dial; Cheddar's will be gilded.

Cheshirefield is converting street lighting to electricity. York and its city walls will be ringed by 13,000 daffodils. Eccles, Tarnbury, Beverly, Radnorshire, Haynes, Penarth, Wellington, Kiveton Park and Midhurst are going in for coats-of-arms. Evesham is restoring its Benes-bene, the largest in Europe. It has no village green. Its last village green was closed about a hundred years ago after a brawl following a skittles match with a rival village. The centre of Trowell is its 12th century church, St Helen's. And as in so many other small areas, the church will be at the centre of its Festival plans.



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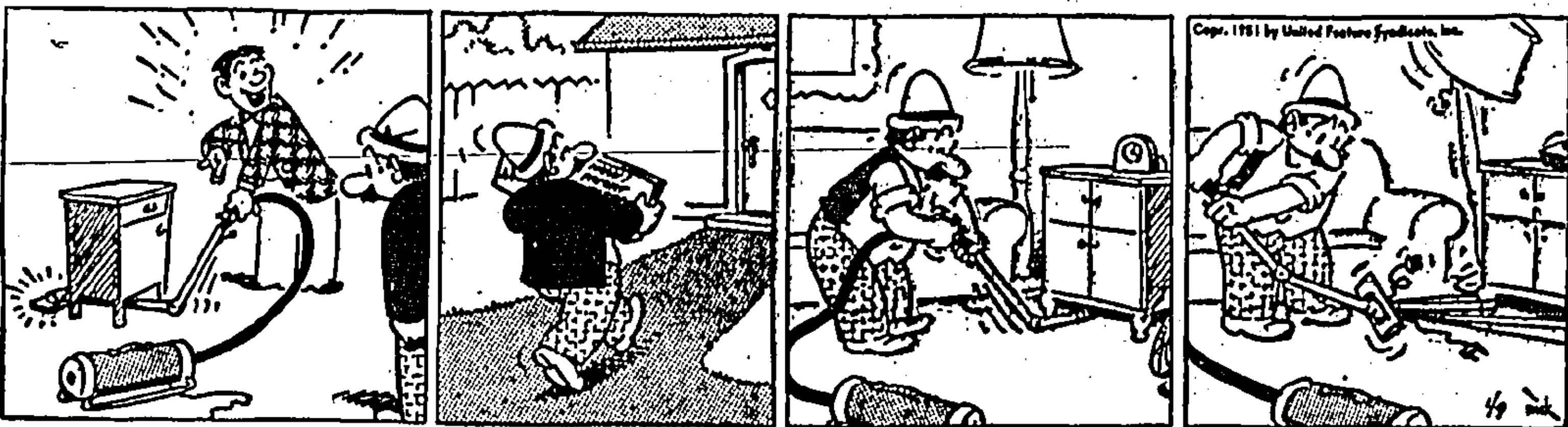
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RIOTING IN CAPITAL OF BOLIVIA

Buenos Aires, Apr. 16.
One was killed, 11 injured and 51 arrested in the Bolivian capital of La Paz on Saturday, when police clashed with members of the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement, it was reported here today.

The demonstration was timed to coincide with the arrival of the Movement's leader, Dr. Victor Paz Estensoro, from exile in Argentina. But the plane bringing him was not allowed to land, and he was back in Buenos Aires today.

It was his second attempt this month to return home to contest next month's Presidential elections, in which he is one of the six candidates.

Dr. Paz Estensoro has been living in exile in Uruguay and the Argentine since the Bolivian revolt of 1946.

Trouble broke out in La Paz when the waiting crowd heard that the Government had not authorised Dr. Paz Estensoro to land because it had evidence of a subversive plot planned for his return.

Demonstrators were dispersed with tear-gas.

The Nationalist Revolutionary Movement said that they were the victims of "official calumny," aimed at preventing their leader from winning the Presidential elections, scheduled for May 6.

The latest reports, April 16.

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LATE NEWS ON KOREAN SITUATION

"Peace Proposal" Tells UN To "Get Out"

Lake Success, Apr. 16.

North Korea, boasting that the Communists are sure to win, demanded today that the UN get out of Korea.

In identical cables to Nasrallah Entezam of Iran, President of the General Assembly, and to Holland's Daniel Van Balluseek, President of the Security Council, it also demanded that the UN punish what it called "monstrous American atrocities."

It made no mention of the presence of Chinese Communist troops in Korea.

This was the 18th such communication received from North Korean Foreign Minister Pak Hoen-on. The previous cables have been shrugged off by unimpressed UN delegations and officials. The same fate probably awaits this one.

A close comparison with the 17 previous communications—the first dated June 23 and the last February 11—shows no modification in the Red position which might indicate any intention of negotiating peace in good faith.

These newest demands were drafted after the dismissal of General Douglas MacArthur and give no evidence that this action influenced the Reds in any way.

The cable concluded: "If the UN really desires to serve the cause of peace and security of the people, it must immediately put an end to the crimes of the US imperialists in Korea and condemn the war criminals who have organized or provoked these crimes, and must ensure a settlement of the Korean question in conformity with the will of the peace-

Peking Repeats Allegation

Tokyo, Apr. 17.
Peking broadcast heard this morning that 30 American jet fighters made reconnaissance flights over Fochow, Amoy, Changno and Chongwu (or Chongwa) in Fukien province on April 13, but were repulsed by Chinese anti-air defence fire. The broadcast said the flight was at 9 a.m.

This was the second alleged attack by American planes reported by the Communists in the past few days. An earlier broadcast claimed that 200 planes appeared on April 11 and strafed Fochow, killing "Chinese civilians."

loving peoples expressed in the decisions of the first World Peace Council.

There was a certain qualified optimism in some circles here

who argued that since the North Korean cable did not demand a UN seat for Communist China nor the surrender of Formosa it was conciliatory in tone.

These sources maintained that the denunciations of the US and demands for withdrawal were merely propaganda and should not be allowed to stand in the way of a "peace conference" which they interpreted the cable as offering.

But previous North Korean cables never have made demands on behalf of Red China which has always spoken for itself or through Moscow.—Associated Press.

THE WAR FRONT
Eighth Army HQ, Apr. 17.
Light Communist screening forces offered only token opposition to the cautious Allied drive into North Korea on Monday. Two Allied units reported absolutely no contact with the Reds as the Chinese thin front line screened an apparent regrouping of the Communist armies farther north.

The Chinese again attempted to hide their movements under a hail of smoke crudely produced by a series of brush fires but strong winds on Monday foiled their attempt to escape day-long Allied air attacks.

For the first time since the Allies drove across the 38th Parallel there was heavy resistance by large enemy forces reported from a single sector. UN infantrymen advanced cautiously, however, foregoing opportunities to score spectacular gains through the thin Chinese front lines.

The Eighth Army claimed 2,300 enemy soldiers killed or wounded and 56 POWs yesterday largely on the western and west central fronts, where a series of small engagements with rearward forces continued.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY
The Communists moved their stockpiles of weapons northward apparently to compensate for southerly winds but a stiff breeze across central Korea scattered the smoke on Monday. The Reds set brush fires east of Pyongyang, 30 miles north of the border, southwest of Kumbhwa, 20 miles north of the Parallel, and in the mountains north of the Hwachon reservoir. The story of the fighting on Monday was told in an official summary:

In the extreme west—Light contact by ROK patrols with Chinese Red platoons north of the border town of Koryangpuri.

Western front—No significant contact in the Yonchon area; resistance by company-sized Chinese was delaying forces east of Yonchon.

West central front—Delaying action by Communist companies offered little or no resistance farther inland.

Central front—No contact east of Yonchon.

East central front—No contact south of Hwachon reservoir. Light to stubborn resistance north of Yangju and Inje during the early morning was giving way with enemy withdrawals during the remainder of the day.

Eastern front—No contact.—United Press.

Thai Prince In Korea



Looking decidedly "unroyal" in his battle dress, Prince Chulabhorn (left), a captain with the Thailand battalion fighting in Korea, trudges along a road on the central front. With him is Lt-Col. Harold Bruce, an American liaison officer.—AP Picture.

MacArthur's Policies In Japan To Remain

Tokyo, Apr. 7.

General Douglas MacArthur's policies in Japan, including completion of an early and just peace, "are and will remain the policies" of the United States, the presidential envoy, Mr John Foster Dulles said today.

Mr Dulles assured the Japanese people that there would be no change in the plan to conclude any early peace treaty and added that progress had been made during the two months since his peace mission left Japan after discussing terms of the treaty with General MacArthur and Japanese leaders.

"Now we shall discuss with General Ridgway and your leaders the good progress already made and the programme for the days ahead that lie between us and the great goals of peace and justice we seek together," said Mr Dulles.

Mr Dulles returned to Tokyo yesterday from the United States, but a delay en route caused him to miss General MacArthur's departure for Honolulu and the United States by nine hours. The Republican foreign policy adviser revealed that he had talked to the departing general by radio-telephone as their planes passed each other over the Pacific.

Mr Dulles said General MacArthur had urged him to continue to work for a "fair and just" Japanese peace treaty at the earliest possible moment.

"Our peace mission returned to Japan on a day saddened by the departure of General MacArthur," he said, but he added

Militia Forces In Kwangtung

Two hundred thousand people in Kwangtung have been mustered as people's militia forces for the defence of the province, says a Chinese press report.

Training centres have been established in Canton, Fatsien, Shaochow and Waichow, where the new recruits are given a short period of training and taught the rudiments of military tactics.

Recruits, who have, during the training period, shown signs of special aptitude, are sent to the Military Academy in Canton for training as officers.

Office Bearers Appointed

At the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association held at the Hongkong University Alumni Premises, the following Office Bearers were elected for the year 1951-1952:

President: Dr. Lee Hah Liong; Vice-President: Dr. Ho Hing Chiu; Council Members: Dr. Philip Mao, Dr. H.C. Chan, Dr. K.D. Ling, Dr. H.K. Pang, Dr. S.W. To, Dr. Eva Ho, and Dr. S.Y. Kung, with Dr. C.W. Lam (Hon. Officer); Hon. Secretary: Dr. Au Hing Choi; Hon. Legal Advisor: Mr. C.Y. Kwan; Hon. Auditor: Li Fook Shu.

Seven Appeals Against Sentences Are Refused

Seven appeals against severity of sentence were brought by nine convicted men before the Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, and the Acting Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Scholes, this morning. They were all refused, as the Court held that none of the appellants had urged anything on their own behalf to induce the Court to alter the sentences.

Kwok Kam-hoi, 31, Yeung Shing-yu, 38, and Chan Ling-po, 26, appealed against sentence of nine years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane, passed upon them by Mr Justice Gould on March 21.

First appellant said he had parents dependent upon him, when asked what his reasons for making the application were.

Second appellant told the Court that although he was found guilty his conscience kept telling him he was not. He said that if he were kept in prison for a long time, his family would be deprived of their livelihood. He asked the Court to substitute banishment in place of the term of imprisonment passed upon him.

Third appellant also claimed he had aged parents dependent upon him.

Refusing application to each of the appellants for leave to appeal, the Court said they had put forward nothing to induce them to reduce the sentences.

Chau Kam-tin, 30, who had pleaded guilty before Mr Justice Gould to counts of committing a breach of a deportation order and possession of arms and ammunition without a licence on March 22, when he was sentenced to a total of nine years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane, pleaded that he was involved in trouble when he met a friend after coming to the New Territories to sell rice. He had aged parents and if he were kept in prison a long time he might not have a chance of seeing them alive again.

NOT A GOOD RECORD

The Court observed that appellant had several previous convictions for assault with intent to rob and aiding and abetting the possession of arms and ammunition, and furthermore had been sentenced to six years in 1946 for robbery.

"That is not a very good record," the Chief Justice commented. "When an appellant with a record like yours comes before the Court to appeal against severity of sentence, it must be borne in mind that the Court can review it either way. The Court may even increase it. However, in this case, we do not propose to do that. We find no merit in your application, and it is dismissed."

When Lam Ting-por, 24, who was sentenced to six years and 12 strokes of the cane for robbery with aggravation, appealed against severity of sentence and asked the Court to give him a chance to earn a living, the Lordships, after hearing what he had to say, refused the application, but told the officer-in-charge of the case to see that the appellant's wife was taken to the welfare people who, the Court promised appellant, would do their best for her.

Lam said he was "thankful" for the sentence passed on him, but said he had brought his application because of his family. They were undergoing great hardships and he asked the Court to give him a hawk's licence.

After the Court had told appellant what would be done for his wife, the Chief Justice, addressing Mr J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, who was present for the Crown, directed that he would see that something was done for appellant's wife.

Mr Reynolds gave his assurance that he would.

OUT OF TIME APPEALS

Four men who had brought their appeals against severity of sentence out of time, were allowed by the Court to make their applications as the Chief Justice remarked their failure to bring their appeals at the right time was no fault of theirs.

Lo Kau appealed against sentence of four years and six months for breach of a deportation order. He said his parents were killed during the Sino-Japanese war and his wife was too ill to earn her own living.

The Court observed that appellant had seven previous convictions and refused his application.

Yeung Kam's appeal on the grounds that he had aged parents to support was also refused.

Wan Choi, sentenced to six years and 12 strokes for possession of arms and ammunition

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Radio Hongkong

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6.00, Programme Summary; 6.02, "Sunday Songs" (Geraldine and His String Choir); 6.30, "Cantonese by Radio" (given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and Miss Lee (Studio); 6.50, Light Piano Parade; Patricia Lombard; 7.00, Scenes De Ballet Op. 32 (Glasgow); 7.20, "Down Memory Lane" (Studio); 7.30, World News (Studio); 7.40, World News (Studio); 7.50, World News (Studio); 8.00, World News (Studio); 8.15, "Box 20" (Bert Gillette at The Hammond Organ); 8.20, Hongkong Land, C.I.O. People's Association; "Service For Others" arranged by The Council of Social Service (Studio); 8.30, Operatic Arias sung by Elizabeth Davis (Soprano); 8.40, "From the Editor's Record" (Studio); 8.50, Light Orchestral Selections; 9.00, "The Second World War" by Chester Wilmut (Studio); 9.10, "Goodnight Music" (Studio); 9.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

LO KO-YAM EXECUTED

Lo Ko-yam, former Chief of Staff to President Yuan Shih-kai and concurrently Chief of the Kwangtung Forces of the Nationalist Army, was executed in Lukfung Hsien East Kwangtung recently for reactionary activities against the country.

Lo was alleged to have distributed and spread rumours to cause unrest in the province. Twenty thousand people saw the execution of 17 anti-Communist leaders at Yanping, Kwangtung, early this month, according to a Chinese press report.

Following the execution, a spokesman of the Military Court said that more than 2,000 traitors of the revolutionary causes have been executed in March.

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THE NEWEST THINGS ON EARTH—

Again we've good news for you! Our second April air shipment has arrived! We invite your inspection.

There's a flurry of snowwhite and pastel colour enchanting formals, short and long... some in effervescent nylon and sheer marquisette with dazzle touches on bodice, a capelet of net, or with a great stole, pearls and rhinestones glamourizing the bodice... some with billow em-broidered net encircling the skirt, a stole of net. Each gown is different. In all sizes from 10 to 20. The afternoon dresses unpacked are of equal distinction—something your best tailored maitre dressemakers could never think of. The sketch is one of the very sheath dress and coat ensembles widely worn today by elegant New Yorkers. Only by air delivery can sophisticated ladies here be able to wear such an up-to-date garment. Of course, only Mode Elite has such a wondrous garment collection just air-delivered by Northwest Airlines direct from New York April 12th. Come in... see them. This air collection also includes a good group of distinctive dating dresses for full-sized ladies desiring to look slender and graceful. Only talented New York designers have wonderful ideas in designing such clothes that will magically slenderize the full figure. Only Mode Elite has them!

WONDROUS SUMMER SHOES AND BAGS—

This air shipment of April 12th has brought here for you who love good comfortable shoes many pairs of white nylon mesh sandals, pretty white suede low heel play-shoes, navy calf pumps, shell pumps etc for dress wear. Exquisite white leather bags, beautiful lines in exquisite grey colour and white lace-designed shell bags NOW featured by Saks Fifth Ave—"FIRST SEEN" in Hongkong.



GLAMOROUS GAGE MILLINERY—

Nowhere else in town can you find such a pretty group of handwoven imported "BETTER AMERICAN MILLINERY" as you can find at Mode Elite—enchanting flowery toques for your party wear, straw salons and profiles for your good casual wear—all hats expertly designed and made by GAGE BROTHERS AND CO exclusively featured by MODE ELITE. Plus 100% style perfection, a GAGE straw hat is made for good wear; it holds perfect shape in all misty weathers. Why experiment with a hat that loses its shape after being damped by climate.

THE CORSETRY WORLD—

Enjoy the comfort and pleasure of wearing the "THE FAMOUS PETERPAN HIDDEN TREASURE BRA" exclusively featured by Mode Elite together with Lily of France, Flawless, Diana and twelve other worldwide famous belts and girdles—Mode Elite is the only house in South Asia which has over 25 years of active services in better corsetry lines—your purchases from Mode Elite never disappoint you.

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